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Art Unit: 3625

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

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PETITION FOR REFUND

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Sir/Madam:

This is a petition for a refund of \$950 three-month extension of time fee charged as shown in an attached monthly statement of a Deposit Account 01-2384 corresponding to the above-referenced attorney docket number. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.26, the Patent Office may refund any fee paid in excess of the amount of fee that is required. The extension of time fee was charged when a response was re-faxed on June 11, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that the response was initially faxed on February 10, 2004, which is within two-months of a mailing date, December 10, 2003, of an office action. Documents, including a certificate of facsimile transmission dated February 10, 2004, and a transmittal, which show the initial faxing of the response are attached. The response was simply re-faxed on June 11, 2004 to a current Examiner, Geoffrey R. Akers, assigned to the above-referenced application and different than a prior Examiner, Sabrina A. Chang, assigned previously to the application. Documents, including a certificate of facsimile transmission dated June 11, 2004, which show the re-faxing of the response are attached. For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request the refund of the extension of time fee.

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Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that there has not been a change of purpose after an authorization to charge the extension of time fee. Applicants provided the authorization on February 10, 2004 to charge the extension of time fee subject to a condition that the Applicants had inadvertently overlooked a need for a petition for an extension of time. Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants did not overlook the need for the petition for the extension of time because Applicants timely faxed the response within two-months of the mailing date of the office action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the condition that triggered the authorization has not been satisfied and the extension of time fees should not have been charged. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that there has not been a change of purpose after the authorization to charge the extension of time fees and respectfully request the refund of the extension of time fees.

This petition is timely as it is filed within two years of authorizing the extension of time fees. Kindly grant this petition and credit the refund to the Deposit Account 01-2384. The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fees which is necessary for this petition to the Deposit Account 01-2384.

Respectfully Submitted,



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From: Thomas M. Fisher	:	Atty. Dkt. No.: 9D-EC-19337

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(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

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- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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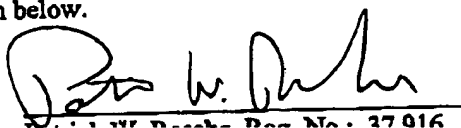
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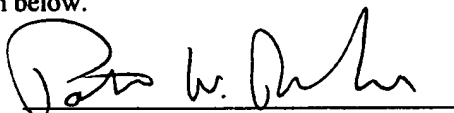
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